

PERSONAL MENTION

RECEPTIONS HELD YESTERDAY

The Pleasant Entertainments Given by Social Society People—Who Were Among the Callers—Some of the Many Brilliant

The receptions of yesterday were attended by hundreds of callers. The beauty of the day, at the fact that with the coming of Lent the homes, with, perhaps, the exception of that of the Secretary of State, will be closed to the general public, stimulated an interest in them not inferior to that of the first Wednesday of the season. The four receptions by Cabinet ladies were all enlivened by the presence of family and other friends in the receiving group, and Mrs. Keifer for by a large selection from congressional ladies. There was dancing at none, but a collation was served at each of the Cabinet receptions.

entire afternoon. General and Miss Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Irving, Mrs. Alonso B. Mrs. Hugh McCallloch, with Miss McCallloch, Mr. Tracy, of Burlington, Iowa, and Mrs. Kilbourn with Miss Bella Kilbourn, being a few among the many callers. Miss Folger wore a rich black satin, with orange bouquet of Jacqueline roses; Mrs. Alfred Foot wore pale blue crepe, with satin trimmings; Miss Foot

Mrs. Hui, always a gracious and graceful hostess, gave a welcome as pleasant and refreshing as the perfume of the violets she held in her hand. Miss Ricketts, in black Lyons velvet, was first among her assistants, and amid all her formal and charming greetings she did not forget to interweave, occasionally, and with a

Adoles seated in the refreshment room at the rear of the parlors gave a homelike air to the handsome table, at which many of our *jeuneurs dorees* were regaling themselves, in no haste to leave their pleasant surroundings. Miss Upshur, Mrs. Hunt, Miss Mackie, Miss Jones, Miss Macknight, Miss Sterling, and Miss Gouverneur were among this group.

The home of the Secretary of State and the Wormley parlors, where Mrs. Brewster received were centres of stately hospitality. Regret was many times expressed that Mr. Lincoln's beautiful reception of last week, followed by the next

Mrs. Keifer, at the Ebbitt Red Parlor, was self-possessed and genial amid such a hum of voices and such a crowd of new faces as might confuse and distract the average hostess; but Mrs. Keifer has this winter shown traits of marked superiority in a new and difficult position, and has won golden opinions from all. The ladies receiving with her were nearly the same, as announced in the list of those invited in THE REPUBLICAN yesterday. Mrs. Lacey being compelled to decline by reason of engaging duties at home, and Mr.

judgy guests, kindly coming in her place. The ladies who received with Mrs. Keifer, as well as herself, were dressed with noticeable taste and elegance. To particularize among so many charming toilets would be almost invidious, but Mrs. Walker, of Pennsylvania, in Lyons velvet of classic color, with front of magnificent pink brocade, and pink roses at her waist; Mrs. Joyce, of Vermont, in black Spanish lace over ruby satin; Mrs. Steele, of Indiana, in white brocade; Mrs. Lord, in rich silk and diamonds; Mrs. Van Voorhies, in olive moire; Mrs. Randolph Tucker, in a beautiful black tulle, with lace scarf of the same

White silk skirt brocaded with garnet, and Miss White, in pink satin, with Medusa collar and duchesse lace, were among the ladies whose dresses of noticeably artistic effect. General Keifer came in after the adjournment of Congress, and added much to the occasion by his cordial hospitality of manner. The parlor for three hours was like a thronged levee. Among diplomatic army and navy officers, congressional ladies, strangers in the city, and the lady correspondents of leading papers, quietly intent

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herself and Congressman Walker, who will be assisted by the following ladies: Miss Minnie Smith of Williamsport; Mrs. Thurlow and Mrs. James K. Krieger, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. M. J. Keenan, of Baltimore, who are guests at her house; also Miss Hammond, daughter of General Hammond, of the New York delegation in Congress; Mrs. Colonel Scrantom, wife of the honorable member from the Twelfth Pennsylvania District, and Mrs. C. Bayard Webster, of Geneva, N. Y. Three gentlemen who are guests of the family—viz., Mr. Weightman, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, the only child of the host and hostess.

Miss Minnie Smith, of Williamsport, Pa., a guest of Hon. and Mrs. R. J. C. Walker, was noticed as one of the many ladies calling at Mr. Keiffer's reception yesterday. Miss Smith is connected with one of the oldest families of Williamsport, and is a young lady of culture and sterling worth. Her uncle, Colonel William Butler Back, of the army now at Governor's Island, will be remembered as the habitude of St. Augustine, Fla., where he was stationed for many years, as a gentleman of court

In the cards issued by the President for the State dinner this evening to members of the diplomatic corps honor is spelled "honour," an odd fashion adopted also by the Secretary of State and Mr. Feilingshuysen in their dinner invitations, and, delightfully suggesting the stately days of the early fathers of the Republic, when engaged loved ones addressed their sweethearts in ponderous epistolary effusions, as "Respected Miss."

and has hosts of friends, while the bride is a special favorite in her coterie, so that the handsome parlor was filled with their friends who came to see the ceremony performed. The bride, who is a tall, distinguished-looking semi-northern, looked very beautiful in a plum-colored silk dress, cut en train, trimmed with white lace. Mr. Harry Dowling acted as "best man," and the bride's sister, Miss Rosa Sullivan, a lovely young lady, as bridesmaid. After the wedding the wedding-cake was cut with all due honors, and Mrs. Herbert received the congratulations of their numerous friends. The presents were com-

The marriage of Miss Katie O. Palmer, of New
port, R. I. to Mr. E. O. Randall, of Philadelphia,

Yesterday afternoon. The bride, a very prettiest brunette, was attired in an olive green suit trimmed with point lace and passementerie. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends of the young couple. Mr. H. W. Stevens, of Newport, acted as best man. At the conclusion of the services the happy pair were driven to their new home in this city, where an informal reception was held.

Misses Emma and Maggie Osmer, of Dayton, Ohio, are visiting Washington as the guests of their relative, Mrs. Captain Isaac Bassett, 1 Second street northeast.

